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SUBJECT: JORDANIAN MEDIA CALLS RABIN'S U.S. VISIT PESSIMISTIC  
FOR PEACE

1. JORDANIAN MEDIA GAVE STRAIGHT WIRE SERVICE COVERAGE  
IN REPORTING RABIN'S VISIT TO US. IN EDITORIAL AND  
OTHER COMMENTARY, HOWEVER, MEDIA WAS MORE CRITICAL IN  
MORE BARE KNUCKLED FASHION THAN MIGHT HAVE BEEN EXPECTED  
OF OPENING OF NEW ADMINISTRATION'S PEACE PROCESS  
CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON THAT SHORTLY ARE TO INCLUDE  
ARAB LEADERS AS WELL. JORDAN TIMES BLATANTLY LABELED  
"HYPOCRISY" PRESIDENT CARTER'S CHARACTERIZATION OF ISRAELIS  
AS "COURAGEOUS" IN LIGHT OF WHAT EDITORIAL CALLED ISRAELI  
ASSASSINATION OF PALESTINIANS AND SHOOTING OF WEST BANK  
CHILDREN. EDITORIAL SIMILARLY DERIDED RABIN'S EXPRESSIONS  
OF SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE ISRAEL ALLEGEDLY  
PERSECUTES ARABS IN OCCUPIED LAND.

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2. MAJOR THRUST OF MEDIA EDITORIAL CRITICISM WAS  
DIRECTED AT WHAT WAS CALLED CONTINUED UNBALANCED SUPPORT  
OF ISRAEL BY US AND CENTRALITY OF ARMS ASSISTANCE  
TO US-ISRAELI RELATIONSHIP. AS AL AKHBAR COLUMNIST  
OBSERVED, "THE DECLARATIONS MADE BY PRESIDENT CARTER  
UPON HIS MEETING WITH RABIN HAVE DISAPPOINTED THE HOPES  
OF THE OPTIMISTS IN THE PROBABILITY OF HAVING A CHANGE

IN THE US POLICY TOWARDS THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM  
IN THE EPOCH OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. CARTER HAS  
REPEATED THE PLEDGES OF NIXON AND JOHNSON AND OTHER  
PREDECESSORS FOR THE AID OF ISRAEL." EDITORIALISTS  
AND COMMENTATORS USED THESE THEMES TO DERIDE ARABS  
WHO ARE OVERLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT PEACE PROSPECTS IN  
1977, AND WHO, AS AR RAYY EDITORIAL STATED, PREPARE  
ONLY FOR PEACE WHILE ISRAELIS STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES  
FOR WAR.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES STRIDENCY OF MEDIA  
CRITICISM IS AHEAD OF SOMEWHAT MORE OPTIMISTIC  
(ALBEIT CAUTIOUS) APPROACH GOJ MUST NECESSARILY PRESERVE  
ABOUT VISITS OF MIDDLE EAST LEADERS TO WASHINGTON THIS  
SPRING. JORDANIAN PRESS OFTEN RUNS AHEAD THAT WAY  
WHEN THE REINS SEEM LOOSENEED BY THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE  
FROM THE COUNTRY OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS, AS PRESENTLY  
IS THE CASE WITH THE AFRICAN-ARAB SUMMIT IN CAIRO.  
NONETHELESS, SKEPTICISM ABOUT MAINTAINING THE MOMENTUM  
OF THE 1977 PEACE OFFENSIVE IS SPROUTING MORE AMONG  
JORDANIANS, BASED ON KING'S PUBLIC WARNINGS ABOUT ARAB OVER  
OPTIMISM, AND MEDIA COVERAGE OF RABIN'S VISIT IS  
SYMPTOMATIC OF IT.  
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